Proceedings

OF THE

Mt. Pisgah Association

Session 1915

STATE OF RELIGION AND FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE CHURCHES.

Dear Brethren and sisters of the Mount Pisgah Asscia-tion:

Another year has passed with all its joy's and sorrows, its triumps and defeats. All the events of the year have passed into history. If successes have been achieved, we should rejoice over it; if mistakes have been made we should be sorry for them, and try to avoid them in the future.

Our Association has been permitted to meet in her seventy eight annual session with the Church at Hope. We have had a most pleasant and profitable meeting. The preaching has been sound and able, the church and community have entertained us most royally; for all of which, we should thank God and take courage. We feel to hope that much has been accomplished during the past year in the work of our Lord and Master. Indeed we feel sure that great progress has been made, and that our Lord's kingdom on earth has been greatly strengthened and built up, and that many waste places of Zion have been made to blossom as the rose. Many faithful men and women have consecrated their lives to the work have gone forth weeping bearing precious seed, and will doubtless come again, bringing their sheaves with them. In many parts of the world unsual problems have confronted the mission workers in the field.

War is a great demonalizer, and also a great disor-ganizer, hence demoralization and disorganization always

follow in the wake of a fierce and unnatural war like the one now in progress in Europe.

Like a mighty Octopus, it has spread its paralizing tentacles over the whole world, seemingly trying to deaden and draw into its firy vortex every department of human work.

Now the use we want to make of this, is, that the Lord's workers have all these conditions to meet and contend with as well as others; and it will require all the energy, prayer, faith and endurance of God's people, coupled with the Divine help, to withstand the pressure of existing conditions, and hold the banner of our Lord aloft that it suffers no loss.

Many faithful men and women are praying for the cause, and the Lord's kingdom may come, that his will may be done on earth as in Heaven.

Some, we fear, are indifferent, and it may be that none of us are exercized as we should be, but we are sure that the Lord reigns, and that he will ultimately work out all things to his own glory. Many heresies are abroad in the land, and the only way to successfuly combat these insidious evils is to get together and make a united effort, invoking and relying upon the Divine help.

In view of the foregoing facts, your committee urge that our brethren be instant in season and out of season, to labor through evil as well as good report.

We fear that there is not that spirituality among professors of religion that should be. This is manifested in the fact that so many church members absent themselves from their church meetings. Brethren, if you are really a Christian, correct this pernicious habit, and come to church and help bear the burdens of the Church.

G. P. CLARKE, Chairman.

PROCEEDINGS

Of the Seventy-eighth Annual Session of the Mount Pisgah Baptist Association.

Hope Baptist Church,

Neshoba County, Miss., September 18, 1915.

At 11 o'clock, a. m., Eld. W. H. Rainer, the appointee, preached the introductory sermon from Heb.,2:18. Theme: The ability and willingness of Christ to succour those who are tempted. The Sermon was able and conclusion.

After the Sermon, a short interval was spent in partaking of an abundant and excellent dinner furnished by the church and community.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

A song was sung, after which Eld. I. A. Haily offered an earnest prayer, and the Association was convened in her seventy eighth annual session by the Moderator; Eld. W. R. Collins.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator: to read letters—I. A. Haily, S. B. Barfoot, and W. J. McMulian,

On Finance—W. R. Moore, C. W. McMullan, and J. W. Huey.

On Preaching—Deacons of Hope Church, with Alton Gardner and W. J. Cooper.

Roll of Churches called and Messengers' names enrolled (See table.)

On motion the old officers were re-elected: W. L. Collins, Moderator, G. P. Clark, Clerk, J. E. Graham, Treasurer.

The officers elect accepted with thanks.

PETIONARY LETTERS CALLED FOR.

When the High Hill and New Black Jack Churches, in Neshoba County, presented petionary letters, asking for admission. Not having letters of dismission from the Pearl Valley Association, of which they were members, they were admitted to membership in the Mt. Pisgah Association with the understanding that they shall, as soon as practicable, obtain letters of dismission from the Pearl Valley Association.

The following resolution was offered and adopted:

Resolved: That for certain irregularities in her practice, this body cease to receive corresponding messengers from, or appoint corresponding messengers to the Pearl Valley Association for the present.

Called for corresponding messengers: Eld. J. P. Harrington, of Columdus Association, was welcomed and seated.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator.

Missions—F. W. Breland, I. A. Haily, and J. P. Harrington.

Temperance—W. H. Rainer, J. S. Laird and W. R. Moore.

Education—W. J. McMullan, J. C. Blass, and W. H. Harrison.

Sunday School—R. K. Cleveland, J. E. Graham, and Oscar Estes.

Publication—T. A. Sims, T. L. Gaines, and F. S. Smith.

Orphanage—J. E. Graham, G. W. May, and R. T. Grafton.

Obituaries—E. W. Breland, G. W. Brantly, and J. H. Germany.

State of Religion—G. P. Clarke, W. L. Collins, S. B. Barfoot. B. E. Turner.

Nominations:—J. E. Graham, J. B. Gibbion and J. M. Chipman.

Queries and Requests—D. B. Cannon, B. B. Allen, T. C. White and L. P. Wilson.

W. M. U.—I. A. Hailey.

The Committee on preaching made the following report:

W. R. Moore to conduct prayer service tonight at 7:30: Eld. G. M. May to preach at 8 o'clock. Eld. J. S. Laird to conduct prayer service at 10:30 a. m., tommorrow at the Baptist Church: Eld. F. M. Breland to preach the Annual Sermon on Missions at 11 a. m. Eld. T. A. Sims to conduct prayer service at the Methodist Church at 10:30 a. m. Eld. J. M Harrington to preach at the Methodist Church at 11 a. m. We reccommend the body to discuss Missions and Sunday Schools in the alternoon of Sunday. Sunday night: Eld. W. H. Rainer conduct prayer service at 7:30, and Eld. I. A. Hailey to preach at 8 o'clock.

J. A. GARDNER, CHAIRMAN.

Ordered that a collection be taken up after each morning service for missions.

On motion agreed to discuss missions and other reports on Sunday afternoon.

The Moderator requested the body to meet at 8 o'clock Monday morning.

SUNDAY.

The Brethren appointed to conduct prayer services discharged the duties imposed upon them. as per appointment.

Eld. F. M. Breland preached the annual sermon on missions at 11 A. M. from Mark 16: 15: Rom. 1: 16.

Theme, obligation and duty of Christians to send the gospel into all the world. Eld. J. P. Harrington preached at the Methodist Church, from John, 14: 1, 2, 3. Theme, Heaven.

These sermons were able and well delivered, it is hoped that great good will result from the labors of the day. Eld. I. A. Haily preached an able sermon at night.

We must not fail to notice the abundant and elegent repast spread for the vast concourse of people who were assembled, by the Church and community.

During the afternoon the report on missions was read by Eld. J. P. Harrington, discussed at great length, and adopted. See page 9.

Eld. E. W. Breland was appointed to preach at the Methodist Church in the afternoon.

MONDAY MORNING.

The Association meet pursuant to arrangement. After a song prayer was offered by Bro. J. C. Blass, the Moderator having read the first Psalm.

The roll of Messengers was called, and absentees excused.

Reading of the Rules of Decorum was, on motion, dispensed with.

Called for letters from Churches not represented on Saturday.

Renewed call for corresponding messengers: Bro. R. E. Barbon was seated from Harmony Association.

Corresponding Messengers were appointed as follows:

Oktibbeha—W. T. Cooper, I. A. Haily, R. K. Cleveland, W. R. Moore.

Harmony—J. A. Grafton, G. W. Brantley.

Hopwell—N. V. Harrison, J. Hill.

General Association—J. A. Grafton, T. A. Sims, T. P. Jones, J. D. Herrington, W. H. Rainer, F. C. Lewis, W. R Moore, W. J. Cooper, W. J. McMullan,

J. C. Blass, S. B. Barfoot, N. V. Harrison, R. T. Grafton, F. M. Breland, E. W. Breland, G. F. Williams, J. S. Laird, J. I. Robison, J. M. Williams, J. H. Germany, G. M. May, W. L. Collins, I. A. Hailey, E. A. Cleveland, J. R. Galloway, B. E. Turner, A. M. Scott, D. W. Griffin, R. K. Cleveland.

On motion, Eld. F. M. Breland, was appointed a messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention. Eld. W. H. Rainer, and J. C. Blass his alternates.

Took up the consideration of reports.

FINANCE.

Read by W. R. Moore and adopted.

Your committee on finance submit the following:

Associational	$76.90
Missions	19.34
Paid back by Brother Clark	2.75
Total	$97.39

We have examined the treasurer's report and find that he has disbursed the following amounts:

Orphanage	$14 24
Paid to Brother Clark	26.85
Printing	55.90
Paid to General Association	6.00
Total	102.99
Balance on hand	.77

W. R. MOORE, Chairman.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Report on Sunday School read by R. K. Cleveland, discussed at length, and adopted.

It is the mind of your committee, that every church

of Jesus Christ should organize and maintain a well regulated Sunday School, in which her membership may meet regularly to study God's word. We surely believe that the church should not allow communities of precious souls to grow up without the influence and benefit to be had from the presence of the Sunday School.

The young seek places of sociality. The Sunday School can fill this place and still be sacred to its trust. The older brethren will artend, whose moderation is known, to direct the worship, and incorporate song service, which is so helpful and joyous, a large attendace may be had. We must see after the interest of our young people to control them. A great aid in this work is the instrument so suited and helpful in singing the sweet songs of Zion, without which all worship must lag. We earnestly commend and sanction the efforts of our young people in the study of music. One of the greatest needs in the Sunday School is well informed and qualified teachers, who would be able to teach and instruct us more fully in the way of the Lord. We believe this would create and give greater interest.

Your committee believe there is offered to us in the normal training course that knowledge and strength that will make our teachers wise, and efficient. It seems to be the one thing for our Sunday Schools to do, select such teachers as possess the desire to qualify for the work and see that the means are in their reach. One of the great evils of this day since the railroad has traversed our country, and before too, is loafing on the Sabbath, walking up in town witnesting the unbecomming conduct of the crowd. If not acually sanctioing of it in our hearts, at least laughing and thereby saying we do not disapprove.

Again, looking about our fields, selecting the place most needing our attention, looking at the stock and cattle. In this we fail to seek first the kingdom of God and

his righteousness, and are setting in motion an influence that will be hard to contreact.

We simply need to be a member of a good Sunday School, contributing our part, and gloryfying God. There is here a work to be done, that with out the Sunday School, can not be done successfully. Is it a disadvantage from a child, to know the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise unto salvation? No. This knowledge to a great extent, may be had by attending the Sunday School. Not to poses it, though unregenerate, is a great disadvantage. "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." Your committee earnestly recommend that we use literature of some evangelical denomination, and that we use that of the Southern Baptist Convention.

R. K. CLEVELAND, CHAIRMAN.

MISSIONS.

There are four possible altitudes which professing christains may sustain toward the work of missions. First, one may oppose the whole enterprise. One may lay chief emphasis on Home Missions, to the neglect of the work beyond.

One may stress Foreign Missions to the neglect of the work at home.

The right position is set forth in the Lord's Commission, which put emphasis on every phase of the work.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We have Missionaries in seven foreign fields; Italy, Brazil, Mexico, Argentina, Japan, China, and Africa. In these fields we have 398 Missionaries, 65 Native helpers, 1001 Churches, 33,584 Members, 594 Sunday Schools, 23,959 pupils, 388 schools and colleges, 11,155 Students, 10 Theological Seminaries, 184 Students, 13 Medical

Missionaries, 56,949 patients treated, 5.I90 Baptisms.

Gifts on the fund, $144,427, gifts by Southern Baptist, $537,076. In addition to the above, the Board is raising one million and a quarter dollars for an equipment fund.

HOME MISSIONS.

"As goes America, so will go the world," has almost become an axiom among Christian Statesmen. Never was this truth so impressed upon us as it is today, with nearly every other so-called Christian nation at war with each other. The Christianizing of America in our day is a task of tragic importance. Thereare in America 50,000,000 persons old enough to be Christians who are not professors of religion. 18 000,000, of them live in the South.

Our Home Board helps to maintain missionary pastors in cooperation with various State agencies; engage in work among the negroes; is undertaking a great work for church extention; conducts a great system of mission schools in the mountains; has a regular evangelistic staff; preaches the gospel to the Indians; and is doing work in Cuba and Panama; and last, but not least, has a regular department of enlistment.

Christianity has a better opportunity today to transform society in the south than elsewhere in America, or in the world. Of every one hundred evangelical christians in the south, thirty nine or forty are Baptist.

In this section the Baptist of the world have their supreme opportunity to win men and save society.

Here is the best Baptist field for Home Missions and the opportunity to creat the greatest Baptist base for world missions.

We challenge Southern Baptists to rise to this opportunity. The Home Mission Board in Atlanta Georgia, is the greatest central agency of the Southern Baptist Convention through which our people address themselves as a a unit to the task of saving the South.

This general agency, at many points, cooperates with and supplements the indispensable efforts of the denomination in each State through State Missions. Our Home Board has the distinction of being by far the most successful Home Mission Board in America, when the number of souls won to Christ by its workers is taken as the standard of comparison.

The Home Board reported 38,000 baptisms by its workers last year. The next largest number of baptisms reported by a Home Mission agency, was 10,000 by the Home Mission Society of Northern Baptist. Of this large number of baptisms, 17,000 were creditable to cooperating agencies, but 21,000 were creditable directly to Home Mission endeavor.

The dollar given to Baptist Missions in the South reaches a larger harvest in souls than any other Mission dollar spent in America.

State missions.

State Missions is the channel through which the Churches of the State Convention and the General Association are undertaking to combine and utilize their strength for the cause of Christ.

Two things are included. First. an effort to bring all the Churches in the State together for the conquest of the State through the gospel. (2) An effort to lead all the forces of the world for Christ.

At the State Convention last year, it was recommended that our Convention Board lay out our work on a basis of $43,00. This was done.

The apportioments made to the different departments of the work were as follows: Pastors Support $22,000, Enlistment $5,000, Church building $7,200, Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. work $3,500, Womans' work $1.800, Agricultural schools $2,500.

The work of the General Association.

Owing to existing conditions, the Board thought best not to take any Foreign Missionaries to support, but sent such funds as were collected for these purposes to their respective Boards, found printed in the minutes of the General Association.

Work yet to be done.

Mississippi is yet a great mission territory. There are in the State about 1,800,000 people. Of this number including all who make any kind of profession of religion, only 400,000 claim to be Christains; and of the 400,000 claiming to be Christains, only 160,000 are Baptist. This leaves 1400,000 who make no pretensions to religion.

This is our challenge, as well as our opportunity. We your committee, recommend: (1) That a worker's conference be organized to meet, at least every 5th Sunday. (2) That Pastors Homes be built wherever they are needed. (3) That the Churches be grouped wherever possible. (4) Pastors be located in each field. (5) That the salaries of the Pastors be increased, so that they may be able to give themselves wholly to their work. (6) That every member canvasses be made in each Church for home expenses and Missions. (7) That the produce plan be adopted by all the country Churches to supplement their finances. (8) That Mission Study Classes be formed in Churches, and that we use the free tracts sent out by our Board.

Sudmitted,

F. M. BRELAND, CHAIRMAN
I. A. HAILY,
J. P. HARRINGTON,
COMMITTEE.

PUBLICATIONS.

Read by T. A. Sims; discussed and adopted.

We, your committee, recommend the reading of God's word above all other publications, for we are admonished to study the word, to show ourselves approved of God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed. And in conection with the reading of God's word, we are grateful to our Master that so much is being done toward bringing in the kingdom through the means of good religious publications throughout Christendom: Such as the Mississippi Baptist, Baptist Record, Orphanage Gem, Home Field, Foreign Mission Journal, and others that we could mention.

We recommend that our people read more. It is said that a reading people is a ready people. We believe if people would read more of the right kind of reading matter, they would be more ready to every good word and work. The reading of good sound literature helps preachers to preach better, teachers to teach better, and the people, as a whole, to be better.

Just to notice the difference between those who read good literature, and those who do not, is enough to convince any one of its value. But as we turn from the good literature to the bad that is abroad in our land, such as, Russellism, Socialism, and others that we might mention, it behooves us to be very much on our guard as to what we read.

One other that we want to mention before closing, and that is the Jeffersonian, Tom Watson's paper, which we believe is a great hinderance to our mission work.

T. A. SIMS, CHAIRMAN.

QUERIES AND REQUESTS.

Read by W. H. Rainer, and adopted.

We, your committee on queries and requests, beg

leave to report the following; We find eight Churches wanting this body to meet with them next year. We recommend that we meet in 1916 with Pleasant Ridge Church.

Query from Beat Line Church:

What shall we do with members who move away, and stay away, and do not take letters of dismissions from their church.

We recommend, that the Church, through her Clerk, notify them that they should take letters of dismission, or give satisfactory reasons for not doing so.

In case they refuse to do either they should be dealt with as convenant breakers.

D. B. CANNON, CHAIRMAN.

WOMANS MISSIONARY UNION.

Read by I. A. Hailey, and adopted.

Your committee beg leave to report as follows:

Among the things of progress in our Association, we note with pleasure the increase in number and efficiency of the Womans' Missionary societies.

This one of the most helpful and effective agencies in our denominational work for the development of an active, intelligent, and useful membership.

As a rule, the most active missionary churches are the ones that have the largest and best societies. The women of the Southern Baptist Convention reported for last the year, money raised $315,102,41. In the State of Mississippi $60,454,53.

In the Mt. Pisgah Association, eleven socities report $466,93 raised for all purposes. For further information, see Miss Lewis' appended report. While the amount of money is large your committee does not regard this as the most important part of their work.

During the last Convention year, the general headquarters at Baltimore sent out more than 240,000 leaflets

and pamphlets, in Mississippi the office has sent out 52,455 pieces of literature, and 650 copies of W. M. U. minutes. This great work is carried on at the general offices at a cost of only 4 per cent of the amount collected. The Women's meetings are given mainly to prayer, Bible study the study of mission fields, the Bible teaching on the duty of giving and tithing, and special occasions of re-consecration of self to Christ.

Hence, they become far more intelligent church members in the Bible, about missionary work, and are always ready to assist the pastor and church in all the work at home.

The W. M. U. has also in charge, the organizing and training of the young women's auxiliary societies, and the girls auxiliaries, the Ambassadors for boys, and the Sunbeams for all the young children.

This is a great and important commissions which says, "teach them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

Let all our pastors and churches encourage and "help those women."

Your committee note with pleasure the faithful and successful work done by our efficient Associational superintendent, Miss Ora M. Lewis, and recommend her re-election.

I. A. HAILY,
F. M. BRELAND,
COMMITTEE.

EDUCATION.

Read by W. J. McMullan, and adopted.

The subject of education is a great one. The leading thoughts are to instruct, to furnish with knowlege or principles, to train, to discipline. To do this our first efforts are to procure books for our children. Books published and sold for gain are often without due regard for

the welfare of the student, religiously, morally or socially. As parents and guardians, we should look well to the character of the school books being used in our public schools, for there is where our children begin their literary education. Be sure the text books do not become catholicised, for this is one of the things being sought to overthrow our government, and our Christain religion. The times and the goverment, demand that we educate. Then let us have community cooperation in the rural schools, for about ninty per cent of our leading men come from the rural communities. We should procure the best Christian teachers possible for our schools, for the school teachers have the oversight and training of the generation. "As the twig is bent, so the tree is inclined."

As complete education cannot be had until the soul is reached we believe that the New Testament should be used in our schools.

It Baptist principles are to be maintained we must train our people for tne work. We feel that we are making great progress along this line. yet we need more trained ministers and more trained laymen.

We have in Mississippi five colleges that stand for the highest type of Christian education; three of these are ours and the others are worthly of your patronage. As Clarke College is in our immediate territory, we recommend that you favor it with your patronage and support. We say without fear of successful contridiction that you will get as good mental training there as at any of our State institutions, besides the good moral and religious training which is so essential to the making of true and strong men and women.

W. J. McMULLAN, CHAIRMAN.

OBITUARIES.

We, your committee report the following:

We find in the past Associational year, God has

called from amoung us a goodly number of brethren and sisters, among them being the following:

Bros. W. L. Williams. A. M. Allgood, J. P. Brantley, W. P. Walters, Henry Dollar, C. O. Reynolds, Mack Estes, H. C. Williams, H. F. Nutt, R. A. Pool. W. C. Cartledge, J. M. Rogers, Jack Wall; Sisters, Etta Parks, Ada Willis, Isabella Knight, Myra A. Williams, Mollie Ansley, —— Spangler, Alice Yarborough, S. J. Peebles, Eliza Pace, E. J. Cunningham, Elizabeth Cleveland.

Some of the letters from the Church failed to give the names of their dead. May the God of all grace comfort the bereaved, and help them to be submissive to the will of Him that doeth all things well. One by one He is calling us home.

E. W. BRELAND, CHAIRMAN.

NOMINATIONS.

Read by J. E. Graham, and adopted.

We, your committee on Nominations submit the following:

That Eld. R. K. Cleveland preach the next introductory sermon, and Eld. J. S. Laird be his alternate.

That Eld. I. A. Hailey preach the next annual sermon on Missions, and E. W. Breland be his alternate.

J. E. GRAHAM, CHAIRMAN.

ORPHANAGE.

Read by R. E. Grafton, and adopted.

We, the committee on Orphanage, would submit the following:

We look on this as being as great a work as the church has assigned to her. We are commanded to visit the widow and orphan, and by so doing we shall please our blessed Savior, and too, our home at Jackson, Miss. of which Bro. J. R. Carter is the superintendent.

We feel that there is no better home for the dear little ones, where they can get God's word taught to them, and getting literary training, may grow to be great men and women for God's Kingdom; for otherwise their lives must be a failure. Some have already gone out into the world, and are great men and women for God and his cause. But let us look out into the field, there are yet many little ones which need our help let us "help some one today". Let us pray for Bro. Carter and his co-worker.

Submitted,

J. E. GRAHAM, CHAIRMAN.

At this juncture, a collection was taken for the Orphanage, amounting to $12.41.

TEMPERANCE.

Read by W. H. Rainer, and adopted.

We, your committee on Temperance report the following:

We are glad to state that the great temperance movement is still gaining ground, that state after state is falling into line in prohibiting the sale of intoxicants. We would recommend, that while we are trying to enact laws prohibiting the legal sale of alcoholic drinks, we should endeavor to establish a stronger sentiment against the use of intoxicants among our people.

As we learn from statistics, that fifty per cent more moderate drinkers die than total obstainers, the true saying is, if you want to perserve a dead man; put him in alcohol, and if you want to kill a live man put alcohol in him. We, your committee heartily endorse the work of the Anti-saloon, and recommend that all pastors and churches co-operate with them in the great work. When the saloon fails, then comes its companion, the near-beer, and we especially call your attention to the soft drink

parlor, where the awful coca-cola is being served in our judgment to the ruin of the youths of our country.

W. H. RAINER, CHAIRMAN.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

H. O. White,.....Decatur Miss.
R. K. Cleveland,.....Decatur Miss.
T. A. Sims,.....Decattr Miss.
D. B. Carson,.....Lena Miss.
W. H. Rainer,.....Decatur Miss.
J. S. Laird,.....Decatur Miss.
C. C. Arnold,.....Dixon Miss.
Wm. Yarborough,.....Lawrence Miss.
W. H. Giddens,.....Newton Miss.
F. M. Breland,.....Philadelphia Miss.
F. W. Gunn,.....Hickory Miss.
C. C. White,.....Philadelphia Miss.
G. M. May,.....Loreana Miss.
D. M. Stroud,.....Lake Miss.
E. W. Breland,.....Hays Miss.
Joe Rushing,.....Harperville Miss.
W. L. Collins,.....Union Miss.
H. C. Taylor,.....Union Miss.
I. A. Haily,.....Union Miss.

LICENTIATES.

J. A. Gardner,.....Dixon Miss.
Henry S. Person,.....Dixon Miss.
J. G. Giles,.....Chunky Miss.
T. J. Bryant,.....Conehatta Miss.
J. M. Williams,.....Hickory Miss.
J. C. Blass,.....Hickory Miss.
G. W. Brantley,.....Walnut Grove Miss.

STATE OF RELIGION.

Read by G. P. Clark, and adopted. (First page.)

OBITUARIES.

Read by E. W. Breland, and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

(1) That the Clerk be instructed to have the proceedings of this meeting printed where he can get the work most neatly and promptly done, paying for same. When so done and approved by him, and that he distribute them among the Churches as soon as possible, drawing on the treasurer for his usual salary, printer's fee, and postage, reserving a sufficient number for distribution.

(2) That all money on hand for the Orphanage, be sent direct to the Baptist Orphanage, Jackson Miss., by the Treasurer, and all funds on hand after the expenses of this Association have been meet, be sent to the General Association.

(3) That we most heartily tender our sincere thanks to the Hope Church, and community at large, for their kind and generous entertainment of the Association during the meeting and to our Methodist brethren for the use of their house of worship, and other assistance.

(4) That we adjourn to meet with the Pleasant Ridge Church (4 miles north of Hickory,) Newton Co. Miss. On Saturday before the third Lord's day in September 1916.

A hymn was sung, the parting hand was given and an earnest paryer by Eld, R. K. Cleveland closed a most profitable and harmonious meeting of the Mt. Pisgah Association.

G. P. CLARKE, CLERK.
W. L. COLLINS MODERATOR.

CHAIRMEN TO WRITE REPORTS FOR NEXT ASSOCIATION.

Missions ..... Eld. I. A. Hailey
Temperance ..... J. C. Blass

Education.....Eld. R. K. Cleveland
Sunday Schools.....Eld. F. M. Breland
Publications.....T. A. Sims
Orphanage .....Eld. J. S. Laird
Obituaries.....Eld. W. H. Rainer
State of Religion .....G. P. Clarke

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Association shall consist of delegates chosen by the churches to which they respectively belong, and shall be styled the Mt. Pisgah Asspciation.

2. Such delegates shall be members in good standing, and no member under church censure shall be allowed a seat in the Association.

3. They shall produce letters specifying their appointment by their respective churches, and stating the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and deceased, during the preceding Associational year, with the total number in fellowship, and such other statistical matters as the Association may direct.

4. This Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by a majority of the members present, by ballot or otherwise. Said officers shall fill their respective places, if present, at the succeeding Association, until a new election takes place, and while in offiice, shall discearge the duties ordinarly incidental to those offices. Provided that no one shall hold the office of Moderator for more than four consecutive terms.

5 If new churches desire to be admitted into the Association, they shall petition by letter and delegates, and if orthodox and ordely, shall be received, and the Moderator shall recognize them by giving their delegates the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the body.

6. Every church shall be allowed two delegates and no more, until her number shall be one hundred; three until it shall exceed one hundred and fifty, then four and on more.

7. The Association shall neither answer or debate any query on Gospel doctrine,except it be merely to explain of the Articles of Faith of this Association.

8. Every motion made in order and seconded, shall be reduced to writing, if requested by any member, and shall be considered by the Association except withdrawn by the mover before discussion.

9. Motion made and lost, shall not be recorded on minutes unless so ordered at the time.

10. If any proposition or motion under debate contain two or more points, it shall be devided at the request of any member, and the vote taken on each point seperatly.

11. Only one member shall speak at the same time, who shall arise from his seat and address the Moderator. He shall confine himself to the subject properly in debate, cast no reflection on the Association, or any member thereof and shall not be interrupted while speaking.

12. No person shall speak more than once upon the same subject till all who may desire to speak thereon have enjoyed that privelege, and not then without leave of the Association.

13. The Moderator shall have the privilege of speaking on any question to the body.

14. The Moderator shall decide questions of order, but an appeal from such decision may be taken for the whole body, which shall be declared without debate.

15. A majority of the members present shall be necessary to carry any motion or proposition, and the Moderator shall vote as any other member when the question is taken; and in case of a tie, the question shall again be put to the Associat on, and if not then desided, the

Moderator shall then proceed the matter in controversy by lot.

16. Committees shall be nominated by the Moderator subject to the approval of the Association.

17. There shall be no talking or whispering while a brother is speaking.

18. No brother shall finally depart from the Association without leave of the body.

19. The names of the delegates shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over when necssary.

20. The minutes shall be read and carefully corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

21. A motion of final adjournment shall be constucted to involve the previous reading and adjustment of the minutes.

22. The Association shall be opened by prayer.

23. The Rules of Order shall be distinctiy read by order from the Moderator as soon as the Association, convenes on Monday.

24. The foregoing Articles shall be subjected to alteration or amendment by any regular meeting of the Association by a majority of the Association.

ABSTRACTS OF FAITH—Preamble.

We the church of Jesus Christ who have been regularly baptised upon the profession of our faith, and convinced of the utility of maintaining a correspondence for the preserving of union amongst churches of the same faith, form of ourselves into an Association upon the following principles, viz:

1. We believe in one Triune God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by the inspiration of God, and are the only rules of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the fall of Adam from his original rectitude, and in him, all his posterity in consequence of which, we inherit a fallen and depraved nature, consequently the scriptural doctrine of the total depravity of human nature, and of man's ability to restore himself into the favor of God.

4. We believe that God hath loved His people with an everlasting love; that He chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world; that He calleth them with a holy and effectual calling and being justified alone through the righteousness of Christ, imputed to them, are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

5. We believe there is one Mediator between God and man—The man Jesus who, by the satisfaction He made to the law and justic, in becoming an offspring for sin, hath, by His most precious blood, become the end of righteousness to every one that believeth.

6 We pelieve that the Gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge ot the truth—that he has commanded it to be preached to every creature and required all men to repent, believe and obey.

7. We believe that the Gospel is made effectual by the operation of the Holy Spirit, and that the sinner, in order to be saved, must be born again.

8. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith and follow after justification, and are evidences of a gracious state, and all believers are bound to obey every command of God from a principle of love.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, a general judgment and the happiness of the righteous and the purnishment of the wicked will be eternal.

GOSPEL ORDER.

1. We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of persons who have been baptized upon a profesion of their, faith, and who have given themselves

to our Lord, and to one another in brotherly covenant to keep up a Godly discipline agreeable to the teaching of the New Testament.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only Head and Lawgiver of His church; that the government is with the body, the church, and has equally the right and privilege of each member thereof.

3. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are Gospel ordinances, appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the church until His second comiug.

4. We believe that the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper are properly administered only by ministers called of God and set apart to the work by the imposition of hands by a Presbyetry of Regular Baptist ministers.

5. We believe that immersion only is Baptism, and that believers in Christ are the only proper subjects.

6. We believe that none but regularly baptized church members have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

7. We believe that it is the duty and privilege of all believers to make a public confession of the faith, to submit to the ordinances of the Gospel and give themselves as members to the visible church.

8. We believe it to be the duty of every church to expel from her communion, every member that holds doctrine contrary to the Scriptures.

OBJECTS AND POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

I. This Association acknowledges and maintains that each church is an independent body and possesses the sole right to exercise and control its own affairs; and therefore this Association has no right or power to interfere with the internal rights and privileges of churches composing its body but may withdraw from any church which may hold false doctrine, or tolerate immoral practice.

2. The objects of this Association shall be to promote fellowship and harmony among the churches; to inquire into any difficulties between the churches, and remove them, if possible; to give the churches the best advice they can in difficult matters, when solicited, and in general, to advance the interest of the Redeemer's kingdom in any way they may deem practical.

3. With regard to the benevolent institutions in our country, we desire it to be the inalienable right of every Association, of every church, of every individual member of a church, to support them according to their own views of duty and dictates of their consciences; and the right shall never be called in question in this Association. And any motion whereby the right is called in question shall instantly be ruled out by the Moderator, as being unconstitutional.

4. This Association may maintain a friendly correspondence, with other religious bodies of the same faith.

5. Ministers of the Gospel in good standing, though not delegates, may be invited to seats in the Association, but not to have the privilege of voting.

6. The Association may appoint any person or persons by and with their consent, to transact any business they deem necessary.

7. The Association may adjourn to any time and place they think proper.

8. The Association shall keep a record of their proceedings, and have them printed when necessary.

9. The Association shall have a fund, and appoint a treasurer to take charge of it, who shall account to the Association for all moneys which shall come into his hands for the use of the Association.

10. The Association shall form their own By-laws and regulate their own proceeding in such a manner as they may think expedient.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STASTISTICS

CHURCHES	COUNTY	Pupils	Teachers	Literature
Bulah	Newton	60	5	Baptist
Bluff Springs	Neshoba	85	4	Baptist
Cross Roads	Newton.	50	4	Baptist
Chunky	"	120	8	Baptist
Decatur	"	50	6	Baptist
Good Hope	"	42	4	Baptist
Hazel	"	80	4	Union
Hope	Neshoba	89	7	Baptist
High Hill	"		5	
Lawrence	Newton	71	4	Baptist
Midway	"	33	3	Baptist
Mt. Pleasant	"	40	4	Baptist
New Prospect	"	25	4	Baptist
Neshoba	Neshoba	122	11	Baptist
New Providence	Newton	43	4	Baptist
New Ireland	"	40	4	Baptist
New Black Jack	Neshoba	59	5	Baptist
Oakland	Newton	38	4	Baptist
Pleasant Ridge	"	40	4	Baptist
Rock Branch	"	40	4	Baptist
Sand Springs	"	25	3	Baptist
Stratton	"	75	4	Cook's
Sardis	Neshoba	60	4	Baptist
Union	Newton	80	10	Baptist

STATISTICS OF W. M. U. MT. PISGAH ASSOCIATION

NAME OF W.M.U.	COUNTY	NO. Members	State Missions	Home Missions	Orphanage	Hospital	Old Ministers Relief	Box to Ministerial Students	Ministerial Education	Miss. College Endowment	Home Missions	Training School Support	Foreign Missions	Christmas Offering	Totals
Union	Newton.	15	3.90		43.15	5 00	9.00			5.00	8 00	5.00	10.00	1.95	91.00
Hazel	Newton.	12	3.50	9.51	2.00						2.50		2 50	2 50	22 51
Dixon	Neshoba	15		56.78	7.50		4 58		9.90						78 76
Neshoba	Neshoba	18		65.93	10 00	8.00		4.10			9 95	5.00	11.00	5.63	119.61
Lawrence	Newton.	13	1.50	38.18	12 80						1 50				53.98
Hickory	Newton.	21		28.60	12 50						12.35		12.40		65.85
Decatur	Newton.	8		6.95							2.00		2 00		10.95
Union	Scott.	9		6.50							6.00				12.50
Hope	Neshoba	10		18 90							3.75		3 75		26.40
Buelah	Newton.	20													
Sun. B. Neshoba	Neshoba	20		.35									2.00	1.57	3 92
Dixon	Neshoba	12													
Hazel	Newton	20		3.50											3.50
Lawrence	Newton	15			.50										.50
Totals			8.90	255.20	88.45	13 00	13.58	4 10	9.90	5.00	46.05	10.00	40.15	11.65	479.48

RPESIDENTS OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Mrs. I. M. Gallaspy.....Union, Miss.
Mrs. Agnes Rush.....Lake, Miss.
Mrs. Julia Lewis.....Dixon, Miss.
Miss Neva Harrison.....Neshoba, Miss.
Miss Eunice Hand.....Lawrence, Miss.
Mrs M. G. Scarbrough.....Hickory, Miss.
Mrs. F. E. Henton.....Decatur Miss.
Mrs. E. N. Rushing.....Harperville, Miss.
Mrs. Mary Sharp.....Philadelphia, Miss.
Miss Mamie Bynum.....Decatur, Miss.
Miss Ora Lewis—Leader.....Neshoba Miss.
Miss Agnes Gardner.....Dixon, Miss.
Mrs. Jewel Rush.....Lake, Miss.
Miss McDill.....Lawrence, Miss.
Miss Ora Lewis, Associate Editor.....Neshoba, Miss.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	COUNTY	PASTOR	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Dead	Males	Females	Colored	Total	Number Minutes	Associational Fund	Ordain. Ministers	Licentiates
Beulah	Newton	J. E. Breland	4	5				2	64	111	1	176	30	$3 00	3	
Bluff Springs	Neshoba	F. M. Breland		1		3			26	37		63	15	1 85		
Beat Line	Newton	H. O. White				2		1	17	16		33	10	1 00		
County Line	Neshoba	W. L. Collins				5		1	21	29		50	10	1 00		
Center Ridge	Newton	J. S. Laird							28	26		54	10	1 00		
Cross Roads	Newton	W. M. Yarbrough	8						17	25		42	10	1 00		
Chunky	Newton	L. B. Campbell	13	6		7			82	112		194	30	3 00		
Decatur	Newton	L. B. Campbell	6	3	1	6	1	1	93	124		217	34	3 40		
Dixon	Neshoba	C. S. Wroten		5		1	3		20	21		41	7		1	1
Ebenezer	Newton	J. H. Satterfield		4		3		1	22	36		58	10	1 00		
Ebenezer	Neshoba	G. M. May	3			3		2	20	30		50	6	60		1
Ephesus	Scott	G. M. May	5	3	1		2	1	23	32		55	6	60		
Good Hope	Scott	W. Saterfield	3	3		7			33	44		77	20	2 00		
Good Hope	Newton	F. W. Gunn				1						41	7	70		
Hopewell	Newton	W. H. Rainer	5		1	1			39	55		94	12	1 20		
Hickory	Newton												20			
Hazel	Newton	R. L. Breland	2			3	1		37	67		104	22	2 70		
Hebron	Newton	W. H. Rainer	1			5			33	44		77	10	1 00	2	
Hope	Neshoba															

Hickory	Newton												20				
Hazel	Newton	R. L. Breland	2			3	1		37	67		104	22	2	70		
Hebron	Newton	W. H. Rainer	1			5			33	44		77	10	1	00	2	
Hope	Neshoba	J. E. Chapman	2			1			26	48		74	11	1	10		
High Hill	Neshoba	G. M. May	1					1	50	62		112	20	2	00	1	
Liberty	Newton	J. S. Laird							4	8		12	5		50		
Lawrence	Newton	R. L. Breland	2	17				1				53	15	1	50	2	
Mt. Sinai	Neshoba	W. H. Rainer		1					26	42		68	20	2	00	1	
Midway	Newton	Wm. Yarbrough	5			2			30	17		47	15	1	50		
Mt. Pleasant	Newton	F. W. Gunn	4	1		9			28	41		69	20	2	05	1	
New Prospect	Newton	G. M. May	1	1		3			25	39		64	20	2	00		
Neshoba	Neshoba	R. L. Breland	1	3		7		2	79	90		169	30	3	00		
New Providence	Newton	D. A. Covington		3					13	24		37	7		70		1
New Ireland	Newton	W. L. Collins				2			32	35		67	20	2	00		
New Black Jack	Neshoba	F. M. Breland				9		2		116		116	30	3	70	1	
Oakland	Newton	J. H. Sansing	2	4				1	21	53		74	6		60		
Pinckney	Newton	T. A. Sims	3			4	2		22	40		62	10	1	00		
Pine Bluff	Newton	E. A. Phillips	7			2		1	27	46		73	15	1	50	1	
Pine Ridge	Newton	J. H. Satterfield		2					11	11		22	13	1	30	1	
Poplar	Newton	G. M. May							19	21		40	10	1	00		1
Pleasant Ridge	Newton	F. W. Gunn		2		3		1	22	43		65	17	1	70		
Pleasant Hill	Newton	R. L. Breland				5	1	1	67	75		142	30	3	00		
Rock Branch	Newton	A. B. Culpepper	11	11		3		1	44	61		105	15	1	50		
Salem	Scott	A. J. Sammon		1					22	16		38	15	1	50		
Sulphur Springs	Scott	W. L. Collins		2		2			35	50		85	11	1	10	1	
Sand Springs	Newton	Z. K. Gilmore	7	3		4			23	27		50	15	1	50		2
Stratton	Newton	H. C. Joyner	4	4		2	1	1	30	37		67	15	1	00		
Sardis	Scott	E. A. Breland	2	1				1	21	36		57	20	2	00		1
Union	Scott	A. G. Sammons	2	2		2			34	40		80	15	2	25	1	
Union	Newton	H. C. Joyner	14	10		20	1	3				212	11	1	10	3	

TABLE OF MESSEMGERS.

CHURCHES	Connty	Post Office	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.
Beulah	Newton	Decatur	T. A. Sims, A. L. James, J. E. Graham, R. K. Cleveland
Bluff Springs	Neshoba	Union	J. D. Herrington, Ted Gulley
Beat Line	Newton	Decatur	T. W. Allgood
County Line	Neshoba	Union	W. J. Cooper
Center Ridge	Newton	Duffie	J. M. Wells
Cross Roads	Newton	Decatur	Grady Henton
Chunky	Newton	Chunky	T. P. Jones
Decatur	Newton	Decatur	C. W. McMullan, T. L. Gaines, G. P. Clrake
Dixon	Neshoba	Philadelphia	F. C. Lewis. J. H. Germany
Ebenezer	Newton	Lawrence	J. S. Robison
Ebenezer	Neshoba	Dixon	A R. Fowler. Oscar McKee
Ebenezer	Scott	Forest	By letter
Good Hope	Scott	Lake	Erumanuel Lee
Good Hope	Newton	Hickory	By letter
Hopewell	Newton	Duffie	G W Beeman, F. F. Blackwell
Hickory	Newton	Hickory	Not represented
Hazel	Newton	Lake	Isom Pace, Glyde Walton
Hebron	Newton	Decatur	W. H. Rainer, J. S. Laird
Hope	Neshoba	Philadelphia	B. E. Turner, R. E. Barham

Good Hope	Scott	Lake	Emmanuel Lee
Good Hope	Newton	Hickory	By letter
Hopewell	Newton	Duffie	G W Beeman, F. F. Blackwell
Hickory	Newton	Hickory	Not represented
Hazel	Newton	Lake	Isom Pace, Glyde Walton
Hebron	Newton	Decatur	W. H. Rainer, J. S. Laird

Hope	Neshoba	Philadelphia	B. E. Turner, R. F. Barham
High Hill	Neshoba	Dixon	W. O. Hudson, L. W. Brewer
Liberty	Newton	Duffie	A. M. Scott
Lawrence	Newton	Lawrence	G. F. Williams, J. A. Hill
Mt. Sinai	Neshoba	Philadelphia	F. M. Breland, Claude Wells
Midway	Newton	Newton	W. J. McMullan, C. R. Russell
Mt Pleasant	Newton	Hickory	B. B. Allen
New Prospect	Newton	Dixon	P. H. Savell
Neshoba	Neshoba	Neshoba	L. P. Wilson, J. E. McCraw, W. J. Cooper, M. Rivers
New Providence	Newton	Meehan Jct	By letter
New Ireland	Newton	Union	S. B. Barfoot
New Blak Jack	Neshoba	Philadelphia	W. M. Griffin, T. T. Cooper, D. W. Griffin
Oakland	Newton	Hickory	J. B. Gibbon
Pinckney	Newton	Union	Oscar Estes
Pine Bluff	Newton	Decatur	A. M. Valentine, Fred Gibbs
Pine Ridge	Newton	Lawrence	N. V. Harrison
Poplar	Newton	Conehatta	By letter to Clerk after adjournment
Pleasant Ridge	Newton	Hickory	J. M. Cladwell
Pleasant Hill	Newton	Conehatta	L. D. Bishop
Rock Branch	Newton	Union	L. B. Smith, F. S. Smith
Salem	Scott	Forest	J F. Lay
Sulphur Springs	Scott	Conehatta	E. W. Breland
Sand Springs	Newton	Hickory	J. M. Williams, J. C. Blass
Stratton	Newton	Stratton	By letter
Sardis	Scott	Dixon	G. W. Brantley
Union	Scott	Harperville	M. C. Townsend, Johnny Rushing
Union	Newton	Union	W. R. Moore, J. R. Galloway, W. L. Collins, I. A. Haily

FINANCIAL TABLE

Churches	County	Missions	Orphanage	Ministerial Aid	Building and Repairing	Pastor's Salary	Other Purposes	Total	Value of Church
Beulah	Newton	20.00	3.00			75.00		98.00	10
Bluff Springs	Neshoba								4
Center Ridge	Newton								5
Cross Roads	"			13.27		19 00		32.27	5
Chunkey	"	34.76	20.00	11.00		200.00	140.07	405.83	20
Decatur		15.00		47.16		250.00	13.65	325.81	10
Dixon	Neshoba	9.67		19.01	8.00	50.00		878.68	
Good Hope	Scott								5
Hazel	Newton	27.04	3 50			83.50	10.80	124.84	
Hebron	"	11.80		10 30		40 00		62.10	
Hope	Neshoba	20.70		11 25	2.95	16 50		51.40	8
High Hill	"	6.00				131 05			
Lawrence	Newton	32.74	6.00	35 00		131.05	76.25	281.04	
Mt. Sinai	Neshoba	9 05				60 00		69.05	5
Midway	Newton	10.00					15 00	25.00	5
Mt. Pleasant	"	15.12	8.06				25.25	48.43	7
New Prospect	"			4 86				4.86	2
Neshoba	"	121.10	23 68			144.30	7.52	296.60	10
New Providence	"	.90						.90	
Oakland	"								5
Picknev	"	8.00		15.00		38.35	7.50	68.85	4
Pine Bluff	"	7.6		8.50		25.60		41.70	
Pleasant Ridge	"	2 12				75 00		77.12	5
Pleasant Hill	"	24 60			2 00	183.50		314.55	3
Rock Branch	"	6.00	6.75	30.68	9 00	00.00		145.68	
Salem	Scott	4.00		26.60		75.00		30.60	8
Sulphur Springs	"	7.00		8.00		48.60		63.60	
Sand Springs	Newton	5 65		9 25	45 00	50 00		109.90	5
Stratton	"	16.25		18.67		75.00		109 92	
Sardis	Scott				6 00		27.00	627.00	7
Union	Newton	132.77	31.87	80.00		420.00		664.64	35